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USE OF CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES AS DRUGS

EXPRESS WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF PATENT TERM

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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.770, Abbott GmbH & Co. KG, the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in United States Patent No. 5,840,722 and the Applicant in the Application for Extension of Patent Term of said patent under 35 USC §156 filed August 7, 2007, hereby expressly withdraws the Application for Extension of Patent Term for said patent. A Notice of Final Determination and Requirement for Election was mailed on February 23, 2010 in connection with the above patent, providing a one-month period for Applicant to make an election of a patent to have the extension issued. Therefore, Applicant submits that this express withdrawal is timely filed.

While no fees are believed to be owed in connection with the filing of this paper, authorization is given for the Commissioner to charge any fees incurred in connection with this patent to deposit account number 50-1662.

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